



newsounds

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The manchild of moonstones and magic is among us again. Donovan, who lives and dreams in medieval longing, again brings the world his delicate gentleness and love through a twin-LP package entitled "A Gift From A Flower To A Garden" (Epic).

One is "For Little Ones" and is a poetic gift from Donovan to the children of the world. The other is "Wear Your Love Like Heaven" and is for anyone who cares to listen.

You can buy them either singly or in the boxed package. The advantage of the box is that inside is a folio of Donovan's poetry, complete with fitting illustrations. You can't get this without the package.

Surprisingly enough, the most important single item about the package is neither the music nor the poetry. It is the significance of Donovan's dedication. He has long been known to use references to drugs in his songs, but now (like The Beatles) he has grown into the philosophy of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and has forsaken the use of drugs. This East Indian Guru may just be (through his influence on the Idols) the most significant factor in helping to lead this confused generation out of the wilderness and into the new dawn.

I could paraphrase Donovan's dedication, but he says what he means and means what he says so well that I want to print it here in its entirety. I bow to Donovan:

Oh, what a Dawn Youth is Rising to.
by Donovan Leitch

With all the Love in my Heart
I bequeath this gift from one flower
to many.

I wish only to enhance and beautify the
days of youth that in doing so their young
minds be filled with pleasant images.

"Phonograph the First" may be described
as music for my age group, an age group
which is gently entering marriage.

The children of the dawning generation
are already being born.
To these dear "little ones" I bequeath the
second phonograph record

A new born child is a pure and a Holy flower
and it is possible to tend and water this
child-plant with due care and attention
that it may blossom and seek the Sun.

It is only right.

I honestly believe my generation is a
blessed* one and that we will tend to these
newborn ones, so fresh from God's lips.

We shall fill their days with fairies and
elves and pussys and paints, with laughter
and song and the gentle influence of
Mother Nature.

To fulfill this all-important task we ourselves
need the children's tales, once so loved in bygone days.

Tales in song and in books.
Toys of wood and paper.
Homes of warmth and comfort, with love
and smiles.

No child shall be lonely.

And so I sing my poems of the beauty I see
that all may see and know the re-assurance
I know, that God is Love.

I call upon every youth to stop the use of
all Drugs and banish them into the dark
and dismal places.
For they are crippling our blessed growth.

Must you lay down your Fate
to the Lord High Alchemy
In the hands of the Chalk and the Drug
Magic Circles he will spin
and dirges he will sing
through the transparency of a
Queen Ant's Wing.

Yes, I call upon every youth to stop the use
of all Drugs and heed the Quest to seek
the Sun.

These poems are for youth, that is true, but
they are fluid in their nature and may be
enjoyed by All.

And I'm sure no adult man or woman will
be offended if I direct them to my generation
and our children to be. To the blessed
inheritors of all these lands.

New horizons could not be reached in my
work had I not the parental assurance of
the most advanced recording company.
Epic Records have followed my dreams to
these Shores of Song.
For which I thank them deeply.

I do hope you enjoy my new writings.
Thy humble minstrel
Donovan

*One need only look at our frustrated youth to see the
fantastic amount of misdirected energy.

newsounds calendar---

The newsounds calendar is a service of The Houston Post. It prints the public performances of the top teen music groups in the Houston area. Engagements are printed a week early for teen agers to plan ahead. Information about public performances may be mailed to Modern Living Editor, newsounds calendar, The Houston Post, Houston, Texas 77001, or called in by noon Thursday before Sunday's publication.

SUNDAY

13th Floor Elevators, Lost & Found, Shades, Starvation Army Band — Love Street Light Circus, Allens Landing. The bands are donating their services for the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" benefit.

Countdown 5—Fort Polk, La

MONDAY

13th Floor Elevators, SUN—Love Street
THE—Recreation Center, Deer Park
Clique—Salt & Pepper Club, Pasadena

TUESDAY

13th Floor Elevators, SUN—Love Street
Neal Ford and the Fanatics, THE — Elks Lodge, South Richie, Pasadena
Sound Searchers—Insight Au-Go-Go
Clique—Milby Booster Club, University of Houston Student Building

WEDNESDAY

13th Floor Elevators, THE—Love Street
A-440—American Legion Hall, Alvin

THURSDAY

13th Floor Elevators, THE—Love Street
Thursday's Children—Clear Creek High School
The Young Rascals, Last Word, Moving Sidewalks, Magic Ring, Collection, Matchbox, Duce Is Wild—KILT Spectacular, Coliseum
Liquid Love — Forest Cove Country Club, Humble

FRIDAY

Crowd Plus One, Starvation Army Band—Love Street

Clique—Saint Luke's Methodist Church Teen Canteen
Fun & Games Commission—West of Brazos Teen Club, West Columbia
Countdown 5—Angleton Fair Grounds
THE—The Out of Sight, Lake Charles, La
fever tree—The Triangle Club, Bryan
Plastic Marshmallow—Insight Au-Go-Go
Troy Marrs and the Dynamics — Brenham Hangar Club
Sound Investment—Kirwin High School, Galveston
Soul Searchers—City Park, Bellville

SATURDAY

Crowd Plus One, Starvation Army Band—Love Street
Clique—Marian High School gymnasium
THE—Puppy Pen, Lake Charles, La
fever tree—Teen Hall, Cleveland
Ronnie and the Ravens—Insight Au-Go-Go
Troy Marrs and the Dynamics — National Guard Armory, Orange
Thursday's Children — Rose Room, Hotel Beaumont, Beaumont
Elastic Prism—Lions Club, Pearland

who's
playing
where

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top 10 here and there

According to Billboard

- 1) "Daydream Believer" by The Monkees
- 2) "I Heard It Through The Grapevine" by Gladys Knight & The Pips
- 3) "Hello Goodbye" by The Beatles
- 4) "I Second That Emotion" by Smokey Robinson & The Miracles
- 5) "The Rain, The Park and Other Things" by The Cowsills
- 6) "Incense & Peppermints" by The Strawberry Alarm Clock
- 7) "I Say A Little Prayer" by Dionne Warwick
- 8) "Boogaloo Down Broadway" by The Fantastic Johnny C.
- 9) "In And Out Of

- Love" by Diana Ross & The Supremes
- 10) "You Better Sit Down, Kids" by Cher

HOUSTON'S MOST REQUESTED:

- KILT — "Daydream Believer" by The Monkees, "Little Becky's Christmas Wish" by Becky Lamb, "Magical Mystery Tour" by The Beatles
KNUZ — "Magical Mystery Tour" "Foxye Lady" by The Jimi Hendrix Experience, "Do I Love You" by The Magic Ring
KFMK-FM — "Tracy" by The Oxford Circus, "I Have Thoughts of You" by Neal Ford & The Fanatics, "Slip Inside This House, by The 13th

Floor Elevators
KRBE-FM — "Magical Mystery Tour," "Fool On The Hill" by The Beatles, "7:30 Guided Tour" by The Five Americans

Scott's Sneak of the Week: "Zabadak" by Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich (Imperial)

Scott's Tip of the Week: The new Jimi Hendrix album on Capitol is a hoax. Jimi never sings on it. He's playing guitar for Curtis Knight. It is obviously old tapes and should be listened to before buying. The Jimi Hendrix Experience records exclusively for Reprise Records.